

**CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
LONG BEACH SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

Long Beach Senior Center
1150 E 4th Street
Long Beach, CA 90802

January 20, 2005
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Higginson, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Long Beach Senior Center.

II. FLAG SALUTE – Commissioner Yolken, Vice-chair, led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL / WELCOME OF GUESTS

The following Commissioners responded to roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Patricia Bergendahl, 6th District
Barbara J. Bolin, 9th District
Henry Brunner, 7th District
Rose Cabanban, 7th District
Florence Dodge, 3rd District
Rita Ellner, 2nd District
Teodoro Felix, 1st District

Rabbi Sidney Guthman, 3rd District
Mary Hernandez, 7th District
Nancy Higginson, 3rd District
Vivian Linderman, 8th District
Teresa Munoz, 2nd District
Lu Wall, 3rd District
Berry Yolken, 3rd District

Staff

Belem Solis, Recreation Superintendent
Del Ransom, Clerk II
Terri Eggers, Community Recreation Supervisor
Shelley Hellen, Community Recreation Supervisor
Gladys Kaiser, Community Recreation Supervisor
Jose Olmos, Community Recreation Supervisor
Lachoda Lard, Recreation Assistant
Eileen Ludlam, Recreation Assistant
Hellen Barree, Recreation Leader Specialist VII

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2004

The December 16, 2004 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Minutes were approved as corrected.

V. GUEST SPEAKER (S)

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Public Discussion for the month of January.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Legislation – Commissioner Munoz

Commissioner Munoz reported on State Bill – SB740: Mobile Home Parks - Sale of Park and Assembly Bill – AB2351. Bill SB740, states that if the homeowners have fulfilled certain requirements they would have the first right of refusal. Bill AB2351: prohibits management from entering a mobile home, sub-division or condominium without prior written consent from resident. (Attachment)

- B. Transportation – Commissioners Bolin and Linderman

Commissioner Linderman reported on the Long Beach Transits 27 hybrid gasoline-electric buses that will arrive soon; the continued improvements of bus stops including nine of which directly accesses the MTA Blue Line stations; the new Regional Transit and Visitor Information Center located at 1st and Pine will replace existing Transit Info Center. Commissioner Linderman informed the commission that LB Transit maintained a balanced budget with a zero debt balance and that they are struggling to manage rising Workers' Compensation, health care and fuel costs. (Attachment)

Commissioner Bolin distributed the Long Beach Transit's, Fare Restructuring letter, which informed the community of the various increase of fees. Commissioner Bolin also informed the Commission that two hearings would be held on February 28, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. In addition, if the proposed increases were approved they would take effect July 1, 2005. (Attachment)

- C. Health Care – Commissioner Yolken

Commissioner Yolken stated that only a fraction of the eligible seniors in Los Angeles county have applied for the federal prescription drug credits. (Attachment)

Commissioner Wall distributed an Email from Debra Teofilo on the Aging and Long Term Care budget updates. (Attachment)

Commissioner Bergendahl distributed booklets on Hi-Tech Crime and Lifeline. (Attachment)

D. Housing – Commissioners Felix, Wall and Cabanban

Commissioner Felix read an article from the Press Telegram. (Attachment)

E. Safety and Crime Prevention – Commissioners Bergendahl, Guthman and Brunner

Commissioner Bergendahl attended the Wrigley Association Meeting where Mr. Pointer of the Long Beach Health Department presented a power-point presentation on Bio-terrorism. (Attachments)

Commissioner Bergendahl distributed information on personal safety, who to call in the Long Beach Police Department, the Public Safety Fund, the Community Crime Prevention meeting and she also informed the commission that it was their last chance to nominate Henry Brunner for the Gold Shield Award. (Attachments)

Commissioner Ellner requested that the Commission read the “ Tips for Preventing Check and I.D. Fraud,” located in the Long Beach Senior Center’s Senior Post Newsletter.

Commissioner Brunner requested that commissioners and community members attend the Community Crime Prevention meetings.

F. Quality of Life and Leisure – Commissioners Dodge and Hernandez

Commissioner Ellner distributed Personal Data Inventory Guides to the Commissioners. This form listed items of personal information that should be kept for family members in the event of death. Commissioner Linderman suggested that you also add your computer passwords to the list.

Commissioner Munoz informed the Commission of a new scam. This scam has criminals posing as utility personnel to gain access to homes.

Commissioner Dodge spoke of how council is in the process of working on allocating funds to repair City alleys and she distributed flyers on Identity Theft.

G. Community Relations – Commissioners Davenport and Ellner

The Community Relations Committee had nothing to report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Senior Resource Directory

Commissioner Wall and Yolken informed the Commission that the Senior Resource Directory committee has decided to make mock ups of the directory.

B. Senior Parking Lot Update

Recreation Superintendent, Belem Solis informed the Commission that Chrissy Marshall, General Superintendent of Community Recreation Programs is looking into the specifics of a contract.

C. Commission Bio's

Commissioner Linderman requested that all Commission members submit a personal biography on themselves, so when a new member is appointed they would have a general analysis of members.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Report

Commissioners noted that corrections are needed for the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission's Annual Report.

B. Meeting Locations

The Commission approved the following locations for the monthly Senior Citizen Advisory Commission: Silverado, March; El Dorado, May; Houghton, September and Cal Rec., November.

C. Change of Bylaws

The Commission amended their bylaw to reflect the following:

Members shall be selected from the elderly segment of the city's residents and they must be at least 50 years of age.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission's General meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month and the Executive Board meetings will be held on the last Thursday of the month, beginning in May.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Shelley Hellen, Community Recreation Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at the Long Beach Senior Center. (Attachments)
- B. Terri Eggers, Community Recreation Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at El Dorado Senior Center. (Attachments)
- C. Gladys Kaiser, Community Recreation Supervisor, reported on proposed senior activities and programs for Chavez Senior Center.
- D. Jose Olmos, Community Recreation Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at Cal Rec. Senior Center.
- E. La Chonda Lard, Community Recreation Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at Silverado Senior Center.
- F. Eileen Ludlam, Community Recreation Supervisor, reported on senior activities and programs at Houghton Park Senior Center. (Attachments)

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Dodge informed the Commission that PEO has scholarships for girls.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center. In attendance will be Commissioners Nancy Higginson, Berry Yolken, Lu Wall, and Rose Cabanban.

The General Commission meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2004, at the Long Beach Center, 1150 E. 4th Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Higginson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Del Ransom
Clerk II
to Recreation Superintendent

c: Belem Solis, Recreation Superintendent of Parks Recreation and Marine